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### **Soldiers in four 1st Battalion, 126th Field Artillery batteries will form units in two mobilized battalions**

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### **132nd Support Battalion's Company B may also provide some troops for infantry unit**

Soldiers from a previously alerted Wisconsin Army National Guard artillery battalion will be ordered to active duty to form one battery of 1st Battalion, 120th Field Artillery in Wisconsin Rapids and one company of the Madison-based 2nd Battalion, 128th Infantry.

The 126th's Battery A of Whitewater and Battery C in Racine each have an authorized strength of 106 soldiers. These soldiers will form Battery C in 1st Battalion, 120th Field Artillery. Headquarters Battery in Kenosha and Service Battery from Burlington, meanwhile, will lend their combined authorized strength of about 180 soldiers to form Company D in 2nd Battalion, 128th Infantry. Soldiers originally assigned to the units being filled by 126th soldiers will be blended elsewhere within their battalions.

The Whitewater and Racine soldiers are expected to report to active duty as part of 1st Battalion, 120th Field Artillery on Aug. 10, and the Kenosha and Burlington soldiers will begin active duty with the infantry battalion Aug. 17. Both units are expected to spend several months at a mobilization station at Camp Shelby, Miss., before deploying overseas for up to one full year.

Mobilization of members of 1st Battalion, 126th Field Artillery will mean soldiers from every battery in the battalion will have served on active duty. The battalion's Battery B, Oak Creek, was mobilized in September 2004 for a one-year overseas security mission in Iraq.

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An unknown number of soldiers from Company B of the 132nd Support Battalion may also be needed to fill one or more companies in 2nd Battalion, 128th Infantry. The Support Battalion's Company B has approximately 120 soldiers assigned to its elements in Mauston and Onalaska. The 132nd Support Battalion has been on alert for possible mobilization since May 6.

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